What Documents Do You Need for a Delta Name Change or Correction?

QUICK ANSWER:

For name corrections: your government-issued photo ID showing the correct spelling. For post-marriage changes: marriage certificate plus updated ID. For post-divorce reversions: divorce decree with name provision plus updated ID. For court-ordered changes: court order plus updated ID. For international tickets: passport with the name as shown in the machine-readable zone. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with the appropriate documents ready before calling.

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DOCUMENT CHECKLIST FOR NAME MODIFICATIONS:

1. Determine if you need a correction (typo fix) or legal change (new name)

2. For corrections: call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with confirmation code and correct spelling from ID

3. For legal changes: call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with marriage cert, divorce decree, or court order

4. For wrong person: cancel and rebook (within 24 hrs = $0, after = eCredit + new ticket)

5. Name changes are phone-only — call +1➤855➤203➤2961 as the only processing channel

6. Have documents ready before calling for fastest processing

7. International: have passport open to data page for MRZ name format

8. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent determines the right process for your situation

What Documents Do You Need for a Minor Spelling Correction?

For minor spelling corrections, you need only your government-issued photo ID showing the correct spelling. This is typically your driver's license, state ID, or passport. The agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 asks you to describe the correct name as shown on your ID and verifies it verbally during the call. In most cases, you do not need to send a copy of the ID for corrections. The verbal description is sufficient for minor fixes like typos and transposed letters. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with your ID in hand.

If the correction is borderline between minor and substantial, the agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 may request a digital copy of your ID emailed to Delta's verification address. This is more common for corrections involving multiple characters or corrections on international tickets where passport matching is critical. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and have your ID accessible both physically for description and digitally for potential emailing.

What Documents Do You Need for a Post-Marriage Name Change?

For post-marriage name changes, prepare two documents before calling +1➤855➤203➤2961. First, your marriage certificate showing both your maiden name and your new married name with the marriage date. Second, your updated government ID (driver's license or passport) showing your new married name. If your ID has not been updated yet to your married name, keep the ticket in your maiden name until the ID update is complete. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent may ask you to email a scanned copy of the marriage certificate to Delta's document verification address.

If your marriage certificate is in a language other than English, a certified English translation may be required. Certified translations can be obtained from professional translation services or consular offices. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 before paying for a translation to confirm whether one is actually needed for your specific document format, as some common certificate formats from major countries are recognized without translation.

What Documents Do You Need for a Post-Divorce Name Reversion?

For post-divorce name reversions, prepare your divorce decree that includes a name reversion provision plus your updated government ID showing your reverted name. The decree must specifically state that your name is restored to your pre-marriage name or a specific new name. If your decree does not include a name reversion provision, a separate court order for name change may be required. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and describe your decree to the agent for a determination of whether it is sufficient.

Some divorce decrees automatically revert the name as part of the standard decree language, while others require a specific request for name reversion during the divorce proceedings. If your decree does not address name reversion at all, obtaining a separate court order for name change is the standard path. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent advises on next steps based on your specific document content.

What Documents Do You Need for a Court-Ordered Name Change?

For court-ordered name changes, prepare the court order document specifying your old name and new name, signed and dated by a judge, plus your updated government ID. Court orders for gender transition, personal preference, and any other legally recognized reason are treated identically by Delta. The agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 verifies the document and processes the change. Emailing

a scanned copy may be required. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with the court order accessible for verification.

If the court order is from a foreign jurisdiction and in a language other than English, a certified translation is typically required. The translation must be performed by a certified translation service and include a certification statement. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and confirm translation requirements before your specific document format before incurring translation costs.

How Do You Submit Documents to Delta?

When the agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 requests a document copy, they provide a specific Delta email address for document submission. Scan or photograph the document clearly, ensuring all text is legible, then email it to the provided address with your confirmation code in the subject line. The agent may process the name change during the call pending document verification, or may hold the change until the document is received and verified. Processing after email submission typically takes 1-2 business days. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and ask the agent whether they can process immediately or need to wait for email verification.

For fastest processing, have digital copies of your documents ready before calling +1➤855➤203➤2961. Photograph or scan your marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order in advance and save it on your phone or computer. When the agent provides the email address, send the document immediately during the call. This eliminates the delay of preparing documents after the call. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with digital documents ready for same-call processing.

What If Your ID Shows a Different Format Than Your Ticket?

Name format differences between ID types are common and do not always require a name change. Your driver's license might show "JOHN M SMITH" while your passport shows "JOHN MICHAEL SMITH" in the visual field and "SMITH<<JOHN<MICHAEL" in the MRZ. For domestic travel, minor format differences are typically accepted at TSA discretion. For international travel, the passport MRZ format takes precedence. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and specify which ID you will use for travel so the agent matches the ticket name to the correct document.

When correcting for international travel, always reference the passport MRZ rather than the visual name field. Hyphenated names like "Garcia-Lopez" may appear as "GARCIALOPEZ" in the MRZ. Suffixes like "Jr." may be omitted entirely. Diacritical marks are removed. The agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 is trained on MRZ formatting and can ensure the ticket name matches correctly. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with your passport open to the data page for international name corrections.

What Documents Are NOT Accepted for Name Changes?

Delta does not accept the following as documentation for name changes: self-signed affidavits or declarations without court backing, social media profile changes, employer records, school records, insurance cards, or any unofficial documentation. The name change must be supported by an official government or court document that legally establishes the new name. Library cards, gym memberships, and utility bills are also not acceptable. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and confirm your document is one of the accepted types before the call.

If you have changed your name through a process not involving a court order or government document, such as adopting a new name through common law usage in states that allow it, the documentation requirements may be different and more complex. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and describe your specific name change process for guidance on what documentation Delta requires for your situation.

What If You Lost Your Documentation?

If you have lost your marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order, you can typically obtain certified copies from the issuing authority. Marriage certificates can be replaced through the county clerk or vital records office where the marriage was registered. Divorce decrees can be obtained from the court that processed the divorce. Court orders can be obtained from the issuing court. These replacement documents are certified copies with the same legal standing as the originals. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and begin the name change process while waiting for the replacement document.

If obtaining a replacement document will take longer than your travel date, consider traveling with your old-name ID and keeping the ticket in the old name. Update the ticket after you receive the replacement documentation. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and discuss the timing to determine the best approach for your specific travel schedule and document replacement timeline.

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Name Change vs Correction Comparison

Situation	Type	Cost	Documents	Process
Typo: "Jon" to "John"	Name correction	Free	Government ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 2-5 min fix
Missing middle name added	Name correction	Free	Government ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 2-5 min fix

Transposed letters: "Smtih" to "Smith"	Name correction	Free	Government ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 2-5 min fix
Marriage: maiden to married name	Legal name change	Possible fare difference	Marriage cert + new ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 5-10 min
Divorce: married to maiden name	Legal name change	Possible fare difference	Divorce decree + new ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 5-10 min
Court-ordered name change	Legal name change	Possible fare difference	Court order + new ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 5-10 min
Different person entirely	Not allowed (transfer)	Cancel + rebook cost	N/A	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 cancel + rebook
Wrong name within 24 hours of booking	24-hour cancel + rebook	$0 (DOT rule)	Government ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 cancel + rebook

How Does Delta Compare to Other Airlines?

Policy	Delta	American	United	Southwest	Alaska	JetBlue
Minor spelling correction	Free phone only	Free phone only	Free phone only	Free phone/app	Free phone only	Free phone only
Legal name change	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs
Transfer to different person	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Limited some fares	Not allowed	Not allowed
Name change method	Phone only	Phone only	Phone only	Phone or app	Phone only	Phone only
Reissuance for legal	May require fare diff	May require fare diff	May require fare diff	No reissuance	May require fare diff	May require fare diff

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Q: What is the difference between a name change and name correction on Delta?

A name correction fixes small errors on the same person's ticket: typos, transposed letters, middle name additions. It is free and processed in 2-5 minutes. A legal name change updates the ticket to reflect a new legal name after marriage, divorce, or court order, requiring documentation and possible ticket reissuance

with fare difference. Both require calling +1➤855➤203➤2961 because name modifications are phone-only on Delta.

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Q: Is a Delta name correction free?

Yes, minor name corrections are free. Fixing 1-3 character errors, correcting transposed letters, and adding or removing a middle name cost nothing when you call +1➤855➤203➤2961. The agent corrects the name during the call in 2-5 minutes and sends an updated confirmation email. The key requirement is that the passenger identity remains the same person. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for free corrections.

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Q: How much does a Delta legal name change cost?

There is no separate name change fee. The only potential cost is a fare difference if the ticket requires reissuance and the current fare is higher than your original purchase price. Minor corrections never require reissuance. Legal name changes may require reissuance depending on the extent of the change. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent discloses any fare difference before processing.

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Q: Can you change a Delta ticket to a different person?

No, Delta tickets are non-transferable. You cannot change the passenger to a completely different person. The alternatives are: cancel for eCredit or cash refund and have the new person book separately, or use the 24-hour DOT rule to cancel and rebook under the correct name for free within 24 hours of booking. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for the cancel-and-rebook process.

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Q: Can you change a name on Delta online?

No, all name corrections and changes on Delta require calling +1➤855➤203➤2961. The website and Fly Delta app cannot process name modifications because the agent must verify the correction against a government ID before making changes. The phone process is quick, typically 2-5 minutes for corrections. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for all name modifications.

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Q: What happens if your name does not match your ID?

TSA compares your ticket name to your government ID under the Secure Flight program. Minor discrepancies like a missing middle name may be allowed. Significant mismatches can cause additional

screening or boarding denial. Fix any discrepancy before travel by calling +1➤855➤203➤2961. International flights require exact passport match. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 as soon as you notice any name error.

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Q: Can you fix a name on a Delta award ticket?

Yes, same rules apply. Minor corrections are free. Legal changes require documentation. Transfers to different people are not allowed. For wrong-person bookings, cancel the award (miles redeposited with possible fee, Diamond members free) and rebook under the correct name. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for award ticket name modifications.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Correction or change?

A: Correction: typo, same person, free. Change: new legal name, docs required. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 to determine.

Q: Cost?

A: Corrections free. Legal changes: possible fare diff. 24-hour fix: $0. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for exact cost.

Q: Documents?

A: ID for corrections. Marriage cert/divorce decree/court order for legal. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with docs ready.

Q: Phone only?

A: Yes. Website and app cannot process name modifications. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for all name changes.

Q: Transfer?

A: Not allowed. Cancel + rebook under new name. Within 24 hrs: $0 per DOT. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961.

Q: Award ticket?

A: Same rules. Corrections free. Legal with docs. Cancel returns miles. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961.

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